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FISH FOR KANSAS.

The Washington correspondent of the Champion says: A few weeks since I wrote you a brief paragraph or two touching the operations of the great fish-breeding establishment near the Washington monument. For some time past the Government Commission have been shipping young fish for distribution among the streams of various sections of the country. On Friday the largest and last shipment of the season was made. One hundred cans of fish, averaging from twenty to twenty-five to the can, were shipped in a special car chartered through to St. Louis. Twenty cans will go to Colorado. With this shipment went 200,000 young shad from the Navy Yard, destined for distribution in Kansas. Great care is required in transportation, and a half a dozen experienced men accompany the fish. Those designed for the streams of Missouri and Colorado are of the carp variety, which come from Central Europe, mainly Southern Germany and Austria. They were hatched in July last and are about six inches long. This work of breeding fish on a large scale is likely to develop in the future much beyond the present expectations of any except those immediately connected with the enterprise. Prof. Baird, who is chief of the commission, upon being asked recently to what extent the culture of fish is likely to be carried, replied: "It is to go on until every farmer in the country shall have his fish pond just the same as he shall have his cow pen and pig sty." I believe that the adaptability of Kansas streams to the growth of shad or of the imported varieties of fishes has not yet been definitely determined. It is to be hoped, however, that no natural obstacles will be encountered.

THE WOOL MARKET.

An exchange remarks: The wool market is as much of a puzzle as ever. The new clip is ready to sell, but buyers still hold aloof, claiming they cannot see their way clear to purchase till manufacturers give some token of what they are going to do. The latter are supplied for a few weeks, hence can hold off. Growers have the bulk of the clip in their possession yet, and buyers have not made any decided movement towards taking it out of their hands. The most encouraging feature now is the feeling which appears to be getting stronger every day that wool has declined about enough. It begins to look as if the "boom" was over with, and that the buyers would soon take hold; some have already begun. If everybody goes in at once, as they are quite likely to do, prices may be run up far above present expectations of either buyers or sellers. It is stated here that Eastern houses have sent out circulars quoting wool several cents above what they privately offer for it. The object of this seems to be to create excitement in the country, invite consignments, and get the wool concentrated at points where it would soon be at these buyer's mercy. The concerns that have been sending out false reports intentionally are quite likely to get their just reward, and eat crow.

THE Democratic National Convention, which assembles next week at Cincinnati, will consist of 738 delegates. The Chicago Convention was made up of 756 delegates. The difference is caused by the fact that the Republicans allow each Territory and the District of Columbia to choose two delegates, while the Democrats allow no representation to the Territories on the ground that they have no votes in the Electoral College. In the Chicago Convention a bare majority sufficed to nominate, but at Cincinnati the winner must secure two-thirds of the whole number of votes cast. It will therefore take 492 votes to nominate a Democratic candidate for President this year.

FROM ten to twenty-five bushels of wheat per acre is the estimate now of the crop.—Burriton Telephone.

It is now stated that Mr. Seymour has written a letter, which puts him out of the list of possible candidates at Cincinnati.

QUITE a scare was occasioned southeast of this city, about fifteen miles, Monday night, by the appearance of a gang of forty Indians in that neighborhood. The Indians had escaped from the Nation. Parties were out after them at last reports.—Kingman Mercury.

OREGON opens the presidential year with a Republican victory. The congressman is elected by over 1,500 majority, and both branches of the legislature are Republican, together with the three judges of the Supreme court. At this rate Tilden need not spend any more money for Oregon votes.

THE Directors of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad Company have voted not to make public hereafter the weekly or monthly earnings of the road. It is understood that the Directors have also voted to make the Atchison an 8 per cent stock, with a compensation in something like a 30 per cent stock dividend.

THE nomination of Gen. Garfield is received by Republicans everywhere with favor. His election is conceded by thoughtful Democrats East and West, especially in view of the aid which Arthur will give to the ticket in New York, with Mr. Conkling using his best endeavors in its behalf, as he promises to do.

THE census man has struck something interesting away down East in Oldtown, Me. He has found and "enumerated," a youth twelve years old, named Joseph H. Fortier. He is the fifth in succession bearing the same name. A further circumstance is that each of the five was first born on the first day of April.

MR. H. N. AMES, cattle and sheep man, of Buffalo county, called on us Wednesday. Instead of trying to raise wheat and corn, Mr. Ames has turned his attention to cattle and sheep. He has one hundred head of cattle, thirty head of calves and three hundred and fifty head of sheep, all of which are doing remarkable well. He has planted twenty-five acres of rice-corn and the same amount of millet.—Cimarron New West.

MR. A. B. MATHEWS, importer and breeder of fine blooded sheep, left in charge of Doc Tuttle last week seventy six fine rams, some of them cost Mr. Mathews as high as three hundred dollars a head. Mr. M. is expected here by next Monday with thirteen thousand head of sheep and will begin shearing at once. He will shear and ship at this place. Carter & Lewis are expected every day with their twenty-four hundred head.—Kinsley Graphic.

J. W. EDWARDS, of Stafford county, had a load of salt in town on last Saturday. It was a beautiful, white article. Mr. Edwards informed us that he brought it from the great salt plain in the Indian Territory. This plain is about one hundred and twenty miles southwest from Sterling. It is reported to be 14 miles long by 8 miles wide, and covered all over the entire surface with a coating of this salt varying in thickness from six to twenty-four inches. A man may shovel up a wagon load at any given place and immediately the excavation is filled with salt water. If he returns the next day he will find it full of salt, showing no signs of the work of the first day. This immense salt plain will some day be reached by a railroad when an immense shipping business will be done.—Sterling Gazette.

THE RETURNING TENDERFOOT.

[Alamosa (Col.) Cor. Chicago Tribune.]
The return of the tenderfoot has begun for the season. Yesterday I noticed a number of them trudging northward over the railroad track, their blankets on their backs, and their clothes pretty well used up. They had come to Colorado on emigrant tickets and a grub-stake of \$20, in the hope of stumbling across a bonanza. Of course they weren't hit very hard by a bonanza, and now they are on the back track. I shall never forget the picture of one poor fellow sitting under a cottonwood tree, with his shoes off and his bare feet stretched on his blankets. What a look of appealing hunger he fixed upon the train as we whizzed by! I am still wondering if he has yet mustered up courage to put on his shoes and trudge along towards his father's farm in Kansas or Illinois. What a difference there is in an old-timer. Let him be broke and a thousand miles from home, he is still as smiling as a California bride of a week on her way to the divorce court. Full of hope and running over with "sand," he is ready to tackle anything that offers, and always as happy as a clam at high water. You will never see him counting ties on a railroad track. He is too true an American to turn back. If he can't go first-class to his destination he goes as a bull-whacker. If hungry to-day, he'll probably get something to eat to-morrow. This is his country, and he knows it. His is the iron soul that knows not difficulty or danger; and he is of that stuff that evolves civilization out of chaos, and builds the cities of the trackless plains.

A DAY or two ago, as a colored bootblack was passing a down-town barroom and fruit store, he picked up the stump of a cigar from the gutter and went into the store and asked for a match. He was met with the reply, "We don't keep matches to give away." The boy started out, but stopped at the door, turned back, and asked the proprietor, "Do you sell 'em?" He purchased a box, paid his two cents and lit his stump, after which he closed the box and asked the proprietor to put it on the shelf, and "next time a gent'an asks you for a match just give 'im one out o' my box."—Richmond Dispatch.

THE New Hampshire Mirror and Farmer says that an extensive breeder of Angora goats in Texas considers it much more profitable business than sheep raising. This person owns 1,119 goats. It costs \$1,000 per annum to provide for them, and his profits last year he estimates at \$2,000. The meat is claimed to be better than mutton, and each goat yields about two pounds of hair annually, which is worth 55 cents per pound in this country and 75 cents in England.

The census taker called when the old man was out. "Parents living?" he asked the children. "Mother is dead," said the oldest boy, "but father is living." "Male or female?" asked the census taker, in the rigid pursuance of his duty. And before he got to the next house he tried to make them tell him the sex of the candle molds.—Louisville Courier Journal.

A LADY in Lowell, Mass., created quite a sensation among her friends, and caused some vexation to herself, on coming out of church Sunday morning, by opening her umbrella and showering herself and those near her with peanut shells, which mischievous children had placed in it.

AN amusing story is told of a thrifty householder in Newburyport, Massachusetts, who travels on a season-ticket to and from Boston, and having purchased a bedstead in that city, carried it home piecemeal to save freight charges.